

predecessor, Charlemagne, to deliver him from his enemies, he led his victorious army across the Alps. He was successively proclaimed King of the Lombards and King of Italy, and finally, from the hands of Pope John the Twelfth, he received the imperial crown. Thus was renewed the compact between the Pope and the Caesar, and thus was established that German or Holy Roman empire which, with varying fortune, lasted until the times of the first Napoleon. The second restoration was in many respects more successful than the first. The empire remained strong under three successive Otthos, under their kinsman Henry, and under the early Franconian Caesars. In 1056 died Henry the Third, the most promising of all the German Caesars; and his successor, Henry the Fourth, found himself weak in the hands of the nightiest monk who ever reserved the papacy. The accession of Hildebrand to the Papal throne, under the title of

hitherto been her curse. United she has risen with a might and majesty which have filled the world with amazement; and by a series of well dealt blows she has smitten her would-be destroyer to the earth. To-day France lies bleeding and weak, and there is no Power in Europe bold enough to bid the triumphant conqueror "Halt." The sudden uprise of Germany, under the leadership of Prussia, is the most significant fact of these times. One hundred and seventy years ago the Prussian kingdom had not begun to exist.

ment among the old stiff-necked, bilious and punctilious Scotch Presbyterians. And whatever course such a class of rigid religionists undertake to pursue, it will, no doubt, be carried out with true Scotch obstinacy and firmness. When a Scotch Presbyterian does anything in a radical religious way you may look out for a revolution or a moral earthquake.

DIAMONDS of immense value, "extraordinary gems," as we are told by the cable, continue to pour into Europe from Africa. The original African diamond, a very valuable article also, was tided towards the American Continent.

cropping of the old spirit of antagonism between the races which, unfortunately, was not stamped out with the abolition of slavery.

RED RIVER KNOCKING AT THE DOOR.—The slight taste of democratic institutions enjoyed by the people of Red River during their insurrection only increased their desire for self-government. Becoming restive under British dominion and Canadian tyranny, they have memorialized President Grant to use his intercession with the Queen to permit the peaceful annexation of their country to the United States.

anniversary, and the National Unitarian Conference has met in New York. The efforts of the Missionary Society, according to the eleventh annual report, were last year crowned with the most gratifying results. The total receipts for the year were \$61,564 80. Sixty-one missionaries had been commissioned, eleven of them being reappointed. The National Unitarian Conference, after three days of animated discussion between the old-fashioned conservative Unitarians and the